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In re: Patent application of
Zheng et al.

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3772

Serial No.: 09/826,021

Examiner:
Ciric, L. V.

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HAVING HYBRID HEAT TRANSFER
SYSTEM

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2002 in the above-referenced matter. This response is being filed within the one (1) month shortened period set for response.

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BY Ann M. Kelly
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Election

The Examiner has issues a restriction requirement in the application. Specifically, the Examiner contends that the applications claims two patentably distinct inventions:

Group I: Claims 9-14

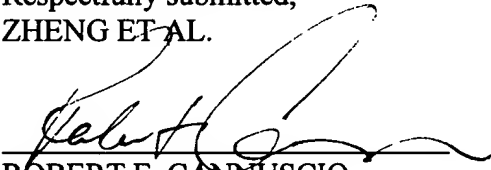
Group II: Claims 15-18

The Examiner has not, however, specified which category claims 1-8 fall into. Since the Examiner has separated the groups by apparatus and method, it is believed that claims 1-8 would be included in Group I. Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect claims 1-14 for further prosecution in this application. Claims 15-18 are hereby withdrawn.

If there is any question about this response or should the Examiner believe that direct communication with Applicants' representative will assist in the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
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